

For Immediate Action:
January 7, 2008

The Division of Child Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS) is lifting the current moratorium on certifying new agencies, medical/mental health practices, or individuals seeking to become enrolled by Medicaid as providers of Intensive In-Community (IIC) Mental Health Rehabilitative Services for Children, Youth and Young Adults. DCBHS seeks IIC providers committed to serving youth and families throughout the state. DCBHS launches this initiative having researched the distribution of current providers and communities of need. Various indicators including: child poverty, incidence of violent crime, school drop out rates, and communities of ethnic diversity inform this initiative. DCBHS strongly encourages bilingual and/or bicultural providers to respond.

DCBHS has proposed new rules (N.J.A.C. 10:200) that establish additional requirements for provider credentials, assessment, treatment planning, recertification, staff training and criminal background checks. It is strongly recommended that interested applicants read these proposed new rules which can be viewed under the PUBLIC NOTICES link on this website.

Applicants seeking to become certified by DCBHS must submit (via U.S. mail) a completed provider application packet to the address listed below:

Division of Child Behavioral Health Services
PO BOX 717
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0717
Attention: Community Services Coordinator for IIC/BA

Applications must be RECEIVED at this address by March 15, 2008.

The required components of the provider application packet are contained in the link below.

<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/behavioral/>

Special Notes:

1. Any agency, medical/mental health practice, or individual who previously submitted an application to DCBHS while the moratorium was in effect must now **resubmit a new provider application packet.**
2. DCBHS is seeking to enroll additional providers of In-Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Commitment to provide these services in the following counties: Cumberland, Salem, Warren, Gloucester, Atlantic, Passaic.
 - Specialization in an identified service (statewide)
 - Cultural competency (statewide)

New provider enrollment will be determined by DCBHS based on the information submitted by the applicant in the provider application packet and DCBHS' assessment of need for a particular service or provision of services. Submission of an application packet **does not** imply guaranteed enrollment as a provider of In-Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services.